

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 8, and 26-28 were allowed, and claims 29-32 were rejected.

By this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 29-31. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Office rejected claims 29-32, as allegedly being indefinite for depending from a canceled claim. (Office Action at page 2.)

Applicants have canceled claims 29-31, and the rejection towards these claims is therefore moot.

Claim 32 is an independent claim, and does not depend from a canceled claim. Consequently, Applicants submit that this rejection was made in error with respect to claim 32, and should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-3, 5, 8, 26-28, and 32 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the cancellation of claims 29-31 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

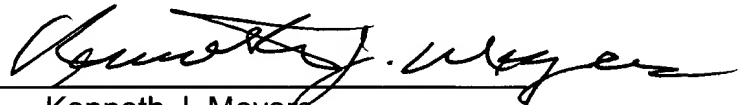
Finally, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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